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Latvia had met with community leaders and Soviet Army representatives on 19 November to celebrate Artillery Day. Among the military leaders present were Generals Vashkevich, Rogov, and Gulyayev. The speaker [name not given] expressed the opinion that "...our artillery, thanks to the concern of the Bolshevik Party and the great Stalin, has become a first-class artillery, the most powerful in the world."

Moldavian government, Party, and community leaders met with military representatives on 19 November in Kishinev. P. Ya. Tutushkin, Minister of Internal Affairs of the Moldavian SSR, was in the presidium, according to the report in Sovetskaya Moldaviya the next day.

Lead editorials in all newspapers on 20 November glorified the development of the artillery during the Soviet regime, with particular emphasis on achievements in World War II. Although the phraseology varied slightly, all editorials were a rehash of the same general information made public on all such occasions. The lead editorial in Krasnyy Flot, 20 November, added a statement to the effect that the Soviet Armed Forces "has a first-class artillery created by the Soviet people with their own hands." The Naval Forces organ also quoted Stalin as having said in his order dedicated to the first Artillery Day in 1944 that "the Soviet artillery is the main striking force of our army."

In addition to lead editorials, all papers carried special articles on the second page by high-ranking artillery officers. These contained the same vague, general statements usually found in this type of article. These were devoted chiefly to the development of Soviet artillery between 1917 and the present, and contained the usual praise of Stalin's and the Party's part in this development.

Chief Marshal of Artillery N. Voronov, in an article entitled, "Stalin Artillery," which appeared in Pravda, 20 November, remarked, "Soviet artillery personnel, with characteristic energy and persistence, are fulfilling the tasks set before them in the November order of Marshal of the Soviet Union Vasilevskiy, Minister of the Armed Forces USSR, on the need to continue to improve their military and political training. Strict military discipline is the most important prerequisite for successful fulfillment of these patriotic duties."

General-polkovnik of Artillery N. M. Khlebnikov's article in the 20 November issue of Krasnyy Flot, "A Powerful Branch of the Armed Forces," traced the development of artillery during Soviet power and named the well-known leading artillery men and designers of the period. A shorter version of Khlebnikov's article appeared in Moskovskiy Bol'shevik and Sovetskaya Latvya on the same day under the title, "The Main Striking Force of the Soviet Army."

General-polkovnik of Artillery P. Samsonov's article, "The Powerful Stalin Artillery," a review of Soviet artillery action in World War II, appeared on 20 November in Trud.

General-polkovnik of Artillery I. Volkotrubenko noted the wartime progress of artillery and Stalin's contribution to it in an article entitled, "The Stalin Artillery of the Soviet Army," in Komsomol'skaya Pravda on 20 November.

General-leytenant I. Prochko's article "The Powerful Soviet Artillery," received the widest dissemination of all the special articles. Prochko also traces the development of artillery during World War II, stressing Stalin's role. The article appeared on 20 November in Kommunist, Zarya Vostoka, Pravda Vostoka, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, Leningradskaya Pravda, Sovetskaya Litva, Sovetskaya Estoniya, and Sovetskaya Moldaviya. On the same day, Prochko's article was printed in Bakinskiy Rabochiy as "The Main Striking Force of the Soviet Army" and in Kommunist Tadzhikistana as "A Powerful Weapon of the People." Izvestiya carried a slightly longer version under the title, "The Powerful Stalin Artillery."

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Marshal of Artillery M. N. Chistyakov's article, "Stalin Artillery," appeared on 20 November in Krasnaya Zvezda. Sovetskaya Belorussiya's special article, a general description of artillery developments from 1917 to 1949, was written by P. Buryachenko, whose rank or title was not given.

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